Operation Centre, which works on 24x7 basis, and the information about impending disasters is disseminated to the States immediately, so that necessary steps in evacuation etc. are immediately initiated by them. Operationalization of TEWS would enable dissemination of information at the earliest.

Bungling by Delhi Police in cases of murder

1717. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the much talked about three cases Jessica Lal, Nitish Katara and Priyadarshini Mattoo are standing examples of official bungling by the police and poor handling of the cases by the lower level judiciary;

(b) whether there is a need for a well defined accountability level for the police; and

(c) if so, what are the initiatives envisaged on this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The Session Court in the Jessica Lal murder case investigated by Delhi, acquitted all the accused. Some lacunae were found in the initial investigation. However, the cases ended in conviction in High Court on the appeal prepared by Special Investigation Team of Delhi Police. Delhi Police has already initiated action against some police personnel against whom court had made certain observations. According to CBI which was investigating the Priyadarshini Mattoo murder case, there was no bungling in investigation of the case. However, the Trial Court acquitted the accused. Aggrieved by the order of Trial Court, CBI filed appeal against the order of acquittal in the High Court, which set aside the Trial Court's order and convicted the accused. The accused was sentenced to death by the High Court of Delhi. In both cases, appeals have been filed in the Supreme Court against the order of High Court of Delhi. The Nitish Katara case has been investigated by Uttar Pradesh Police. The system of scrutiny by various courts of the cases investigated by Police authorities makes them accountable. In addition, Section 217 IPC provides punishment to those public servants disobeying the directions of law with intent to

save persons from punishment or property from forfeiture and section 218 IPC provides punishment to those public servants framing incorrect record or writing with intent to save persons from punishment or property from forfeiture.

Criteria for clearance under FCRA

1718. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the FCRA clearance is not given to Institutions/ orphanages, fearing the funds may go to some kind of terrorist activities;

(b) if so, whether the institutions who are already having the FCRA clearance, are eligible to receive funds from abroad; and

(c) what are the guidelines for the applicants who apply for fresh FCRA clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The associations which are already registered can receive foreign funds if they are not prohibited from receiving foreign contribution or placed in the Prior Permission category by the Central Government.

(c) The organizations seeking foreign contributions for definite cultural, social, economic, educational or religious programmes may either obtain registration or prior permission to receive foreign contribution from the Ministry of Home Affairs by making an application in the prescribed format and furnishing details of the activities and audited accounts. The registration is granted only to such associations, which have a proven track record of functioning in the chosen field of work during last three years. Registration is granted only after thorough security vetting of the activities and antecedents of the organisation and office bearers thereof. After registration, such organisation is free to receive foreign contribution from any foreign source for the stated objectives.

However, such organizations which are newly established and do not have a proven track record of functioning may also receive foreign contribution for specific activities, for a specific purpose and from a specific source